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Dear Ms. Chang:

Thank you very much for coming to the July 26 meeting of the World Trade Center (WTC) Expert Technical Review Panel to speak about the plan for testing, decontamination and destruction of 130 Liberty Street, known as the Deutsche Bank Building.

As you know, the community is very concerned about recontamination due to the planned demolition and construction activities at the site, and has requested that EPA be actively involved in the demolition plans for Deutsche Bank and any other planned WTC-related demolitions. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the presentation from the Panel's Community Participation Committee, reflecting the results of a community meeting held on July 15. We urge LMDC to establish a similar, formal mechanism for community involvement into its decision-making process. Also enclosed is a copy of the 125 Cedar Street residents presentation to the panel on environmental concerns raised by the Deutsche Bank demolition.

For more information about the activities of the panel, please visit the panel web site at http://www.epa.gov/wtc. Meeting summary reports, presentations and background documents are posted on the web site.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Gilman at (202) 564-6620 or Lisa Matthews of his staff at (202) 564-6669. Thank you for your interest in the Agency's significant activities related to World Trade Center environmental exposures monitoring.

Sincerely yours,

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